

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Brock, et al.  
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Title: AUTOMATIC IDENTIFICATION OF REAGENT TEST STRIPS USING  
REFLECTANCE VALUES  
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***AMENDMENT***

This paper is in response to the non-final Office Action of 07 April 2008 for the above-identified application. The Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the subject application, and request reconsideration and further examination in view of the following:

- ***Amendment to the Claims***, in the claim listing beginning on page 2 of this paper;  
and
- ***Remarks***, beginning on page 11 of this paper.

A Petition for Extension of Time (three months) under 37 CFR § 1.136 is submitted with this paper.